

MAY 2026

Zion's Lutheran Church
THE TRUMPET

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*"O give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!"
Psalm 106: 1-3*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to thank everyone who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations so meaningful this year. Our sanctuary once again was beautifully adorned and festive and the music perfectly presented. Thank you Doug and Sandy, Neal, Kate, Steve and Karen, Helena, our worship committee, Teresa, and all of our congregational ministries! Serving is so important to the well-being of the whole congregation.

I'm pleased, on Sunday, to baptize Ryker James Engel! It's been some time since I baptized and I give thanks for this opportunity. Prayers for the Engel Family.

A great way to prepare for worship is to join our group every Sunday morning at 8:45. Prayer, personal sharing and spiritual reflection help us focus on discipleship and fellowship. Please join us and add your voice and spirit to the group.

We are moving toward having more members read the lessons on Sundays. If you are interested please let us know. If you would be interested in being a Communion Assistant this is also something I would like to encourage. Deacons have continued to serve as both assistants and lectors on any given Sunday. So this is a new opportunity for you to serve in special ways. Especially, this is a chance for our older youth and young adults to be part of our worship experience.

May God continue to bless our ministry together each day! And may the warmth and beauty of our days reflect the love we have for one another.

Peace and love,

Pastor Tom

*What happens to another, whether it be a joy or a sorrow,
happens to me"*



Worship Service Sundays @ 9:45 am



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are ordered by the donor of your choice of flower shops. Fancy Petals will deliver to Zion's on Saturdays. The sign-up sheet is posted in the entryway. Please plan to take the flowers after the Sunday Worship Service.



Memorial Prayer Garden

A living memorial to the memory of the saints, both here & above. The garden provides a place for peaceful meditation and quiet reflection for our church family & community.

Worship Service Online

You may watch Sunday Worship Service live through the Zion's Lutheran Website at the Website address below and clicking on "Live Service"

You may also watch any Worship Service at a later date/time on Youtube TV by visiting the Zion's Lutheran Website (see address below):

<https://zionslutheranchurch.com/>



Little Free Library

Take a Book. Share a Book. The Little Free Library is located at the entrance of the Prayer Garden.

Weekly Bulletin

Sponsor a Weekly Bulletin in honor of a Birthday, Anniversary, Loved One, or anything you wish. Suggested donation is \$20.



The Labyrinth

Walk the labyrinth located in the Prayer Garden. Come and experience the power and peace of this ancient form of prayer. Brochures explaining how to use the Labyrinth are available below the Little Free Library.

Deacon Ministry

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

John 14:26 (NRSVue)

During the Easter season, our Scripture readings focus on Jesus' appearance to the disciples after his resurrection. He still appears to people to this day. On May 24, we celebrate Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to do the work God has for us to do. Powered by the Holy Spirit, we do not do the work alone. And sometimes we need support for the work or for life's circumstances. Whether you are celebrating or hurting this season, let us do so together ... supporting one another in Christian unity. No matter your reason or feeling, reach out at any time to Pastor Tom or one of the deacons to talk about what is happening in your life and in your service for the Lord.

Your Deacons

SAVE THE DATE: June 21
Picnic after worship

*Christ is risen ... He is risen,
Indeed! Alleluia!!!
Happy Easter!
Blessed Pentecost*

**Outdoor Worship Service
Sunday, June 21
More info in the
Announcement Section below!**



Our Deacons

Helena Morris, Head
Cindy Wendell, Secretary
John Diehl
Doug Eis
Angela Gutman
Regina Snyder

**Next Deacon's Meeting
Sunday, June 14, 2026
@ 11:30 am**



Shut-In's

John Jacob
Kingsbury Place #154
245 W. Rosewood Ave.
Defiance, OH 43512

Carole Engel
Kingsbury Place #112
245 W. Rosewood Ave.
Defiance, OH 43512

Barb Jones
Glenn Park #151
2429 William A Diehl Ct.
Defiance, OH 43512

Elaine Davis
Glenn Park Edon Place
2429 William A Diehl Dr
Defiance, OH 43512

Linda Wagner
At Home
22668 River Chase Dr
Defiance, OH 43512

Council

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 20, 2026

- HVAC project is underway. Boiler has been ordered and will be installed when it arrives.
- The first round of photos for the photo directory was successful. The next photo date is May 10.
- 3 facility requests were approved.
- Need one usher for the first Sunday of the month.
- Council would like to engage more people in the ministries of the church: worship and beyond.
- Prayer cards/guest cards are available in the pews. A collection plate will be placed at each Sanctuary door.

Additions to the Zion's Prayer List:

E-prayers: office@zionslutheranchurch.com
Call the Church office at 419-782-8781.

If you are calling for someone other than yourself, please be sure that you have their permission to share information.

By unanimous approval, your church Council elected Helena Morris as Council Secretary effective with the April meeting. Helena succeeds Steve Graf who did a fine job in his 14 months and will remain on Council. We look forward to Helena's contribution as Secretary and also her input when necessary.



CHURCH COUNCIL 2026

Rev. Tom Zulick, Pastor
Dick Anderson, President
Joyce Rayle, V-Pres
Helena Morris, Secretary
Laurie Schey, Treasurer
Mary Boals
Libbie Engel
Steve Graf
Colleen Holley
Dan Meffley
Vern Mullett
Donna Schindler
Gary Smith
Regina Snyder

COUNCIL MEETINGS

6pm on the 3rd Monday
of each month (except July)
In the Hofer Room

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 18, 2026

CHURCH COUNCIL



Christian Education

The Breakfast Club
Breakfast & Fellowship in the Kitchen
@ 9:00 am
Sunday, May 10th



ADULT FORUM
At 8:45 am
Each Sunday the month of May

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Will NOT meet on
May 24th or May 31st

Kroger Rewards



Dear ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (44855):

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just feed, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use. The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

Community Rewards Staff

01-Jan-2026 to 31-
Mar-2026

1st Quarter 2026

23

Households

\$ 26.66

Total Donations

Sunday, May 10th
MOTHER'S DAY

The Children's
Sunday School
Class will be hand-
ing out flowers.



INNKEEPERS' COMMUNITY MEAL & PANTRY

Our mission is to assist those living in Defiance with basic needs.

NEXT DISTRIBUTION DATE & MEAL

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2026

ACCEPTED DONATIONS



The Innkeepers have designated the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. as distribution and Community Meal night. *In April, we distributed 64 bags, 6 new sign-ups, and served 100!! Wow!!*

The May Pantry needs are:

Kleenex
Dish Soap
Liquid Hand Soap
Bar Soap

Innkeepers' shopping list:

Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Facial Tissues
Dish Soap
All Purpose Cleaner
Bleach
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Bar Soap & Body Wash
Shampoo & Conditioner
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Feminine Hygiene Products
Disposable Diapers
Baby Wipes
Adult Incontinence Diapers

We also accept volunteers & monetary donations.

grateful

Thank You

Thank you to all for your donations for the Easter Egg hunt. They say be careful what you wish for. Well we had 426 eggs among 11 kids—you do the math. But they all really had a good time.

A special thank you to Alex, Maya, Carter, Deb, and Sandy for finding the eggs. You did a great job.

Christian Ed Committee

Announcements

May Anniversaries



Bill & Cindy Wendell	5/01
David & Debra Engel	5/30

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not listed here or is incorrect, please call the church office at 419-782-8781 or email the secretary at office@zionslutheranchurch.com

May Birthdays



Mary Rickard	5/02
Liam Gustwiller	5/03
Dwaine Schey	5/05
Laurie Schey	5/05
Mary Kay Reineke	5/09
Patty VanDemark	5/14
Debra Engel	5/15
Jennifer Epple	5/16
Erica Schey	5/17
Kate Frank	5/20
Will Brown	5/21

Baptismal Service for Ryker James Engel
Sunday May 3, 2026
During Worship Service



Announcements

Zion's Lutheran Church QR Code

Zion's new way to access VANCO Mobile—our tool for mobile giving!



Zion's now has a QR code that you can scan that will take you directly to VANCO—then you can proceed to make your giving choices from there i.e. General Operating Fund, Innkeeper's Fund, and/or the Building Fund.

You will see the QR Code in the back of the pews.



Announcements




We are looking for two permanent ushers to serve on the first weekend of each month to replace Sue McKibben and Marsha Leaders. Both members have done an excellent job for the past several years. Libbie Engel has volunteered to serve the month of May. Please contact Dick Anderson with questions and your interest.

Many of our members have served Zion's in several capacities on committees, as deacons, on the church and bell choirs, Innkeepers pantry, lectors, church Council, altar guild, and several other important areas where their help is wanted and appreciated! **However, we are always in need of more members to serve in the many needs of the church.** We ask all our members to volunteer to serve in an area of your choice or seriously consider serving when asked to help. Thank you

Announcements

2026 Photo Directory & What You Need to Know

We will be doing out next photo op on Sunday May 10th from 9:00 am—9:30 am and then immediately following the worship service until noon. If you wish to provide your own photo, please email it to Teresa at office@zionslutheranchurch.com along with your names, current phone number, email, and address. All photos and information need to be completed and to Teresa by Sunday, May 17th. This will give adequate time to compile and update everything to complete the directory by the end of May. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text 419-487-0144. - Libbie 



Upcoming Events

**Outdoor Worship Service
Sunday, June 21**


**The deacons will host a picnic
following the service.**



Zion's will worship outdoors on Sunday, June 21. Stick around after the service for a potluck picnic hosted by your deacons. The deacons will provide the meat and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts. More details to come in the June Trumpet and bulletin announcements.



**Wear RED
to Church
on May 24
Pentecost
Sunday.**



**You're invited to a
Pentecost Party!**

**Saturday, May 30
12:00pm-2:00pm
Luther Hall**

**RSVP to Helena Morris
by May 24**

Upcoming Events

TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DIAPER DRIVE

One in two families requires assistance with diapering their babies. Together we can reach our goal of collecting one million diapers in May of 2026 to support moms and babies in our communities.



WHERE:
Farmer's Market
Defiance Northtowne Mall
Parking Lot

WHEN:
Saturday, May 23, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DIAPER COLLECTION LOCATIONS PRIOR TO THE DRIVE:

- St. Mary's Catholic Church
- Zion's Lutheran Church
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church
- Hebron Ministries
- Summit 60 - Defiance Senior Center

CONTACT:
Please reach out to any drop-off location for more information.

Every diaper donated makes a difference. Thank you for supporting local families! ♥

WorldsLargestDiaperDrive.org

Diaper Drive 2026

Please place donations of packages of diapers in the pack & play in the Narthex, by Friday May 22nd. The Outreach Team will transport the donations to the Defiance Farmer's Market on Saturday May 23rd for drop off.



Loads of Love

FREE LAUNDRY DAY!

A Pay It Forward Ministry of Zion's Lutheran Church

Let us help you with your laundry at **NO COST** to you!

WHEN: Saturday, May 16, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHERE: Spin City of Defiance
★ 804 Ralston Ave.,
Defiance, OH



Free Washing & Drying!
Supplies & Detergent Provided!
While supplies last

★ All Are Welcome! First Come, First Served ★

 Zion's Lutheran Church &  Citizens in Action

Upcoming Events

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Defiance
County
Special
Olympics

TORCH RUN

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
FOR DEFIANCE COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS



MAY 27



**10:00
AM**

Join us in cheering the athletes on!

Join us on the front lawn
on E. Second St.

As they carry the **Flame of Hope** through our community.



CELEBRATE
courage, inclusion,
and determination



**SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT**
along the route



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**
in the lives of
Special Olympics
athletes



**TOGETHER,
WE BUILD A
STRONGER
COMMUNITY**



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring your friends, family,
and lots of energy to
cheer them on!



ONE FLAME. ONE COMMUNITY.

Infinite Hope.



Women of the ELCA

Women of the ELCA

The Maumee Valley Conference of WELCA held their spring assembly Saturday, April 19 at First Lutheran in Stryker. The theme was "Reach Out to Serve" based on Matthew 25:40 "Truly, I say to You, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me".

The morning opened with a brief communion service led by Chris Staup. His message was based on Matthew 25:40. Some notes I made were:

- Jesus doesn't say be nice - He says serve
- Who is Jesus today (the hungry, lonely, forgotten) and do I serve Him?
- Attitude changes when "serving Jesus himself"
- Are you looking for the KING in your community

The guest speaker was Nicole Coulter VP of HUT Outreach. HUT stands for help, understand, and teach and is in its 28th year of ministry. HUT is a ministry of serving others by empowering local teams of Haitians. Schools were built, wells were dug, and empowering local Haitians to be teachers. With the assassination of the president of Haiti and other political terms expiring and no one replacing them, Haiti has been taken over by gangs. HUT members have not been able to visit Haiti for the last 5 years but keep in touch and currently pay the teachers and provide books and the school supplies needed. The schools are free to students age 3 to grade 13 and give the kids a place to have a meal, learn, laugh and have fun with the safe love of Christian leadership amongst the unrest in this country.

A brief business meeting followed. A motion to continue missionary support of \$6000 passed. Installation of officers then took place followed by lunch provided by the women of First Lutheran.

On Zion's bulletin board will be information about the WELCA Summer Gathering on June 24, 2026 at Lakeside Chautauque in Lakeside, Oh. Also a list of resources available for personal or group faith development will be on the bulletin board. Sue McKibben Zion's WELCA



the
FRONT PORCH

Dear Friends -

I have a confession to make - *I think about you in the shower.*

Now - let me explain - I am not really a morning person and I need that morning shower to waken and energize me. I'm sure some of you can relate. But, then many of you probably rise early to devote time to God and to reflect on your day. My time of reflection just seems to happen in the shower! My mind is uncluttered, and the things that are important or need my energy, seem to rise to the surface during this time. If only there was a way to jot down notes!

I have found myself more and more over the past few months, thinking about our struggles here at Zion's. Many times I have picked up a magazine, and been drawn to an article that seemed to talk to me about reaching out to others in ways that might seem a little unconventional. Not just those in poverty or extreme circumstances, but also those who are walking the same path as I. We all need ministered to - not just in our times of need, but on a daily basis. Something as simple as smiling at the person you pass in the aisle of the grocery store, sending a birthday or thinking about you card to a friend or loved one, picking up the phone and having a conversation with a friend or loved one - think about the little things you can do for the morale of those around you. You can show God's love every minute of every day.

I choose to think of this time period as a challenge to all of us, to step outside our comfort zones and try something new. Or, maybe just try something old - I recently read an article related to the past practice of front porch sitting - I'm sure most of us can remember a simpler time in our lives when that was a daily pleasure. You could smile and wave at a neighbor, watch children play outside, walk the dog, the list goes on. Now, instead of large front porches from which you can see your neighborhood, we have retreated to the back patios and decks with privacy fences. We have closed ourselves off from our neighborhood and community, literally and figuratively.

How can we put ourselves back on that front porch? My hope is that as we go forward in this year, our Outreach & Evangelism Ministry Team can help with that process - we are always looking for ideas. Please pray about how God would use you in these ministries, and how your community needs you, within the four walls of Zion's, in the city of Defiance, in NW Ohio, and beyond.
Come join us on the front porch!!

Guided by Grace, Encouraged by Faith, Strengthened by God
Laurie Schey

Did you know?

Let Us Help You!



Please contact the church office:

- *To plan a baptism
- *To plan a wedding (at least 4 months ahead of time)
- *When entering the hospital
- *When there is a death in the family.

Fun Fact: Pastors have busy work lives, take vacations, and plan time with family. Please include them before you set dates for special events.

DEADLINES

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
(unless otherwise noted)

**MAY NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**
May 21, 2026

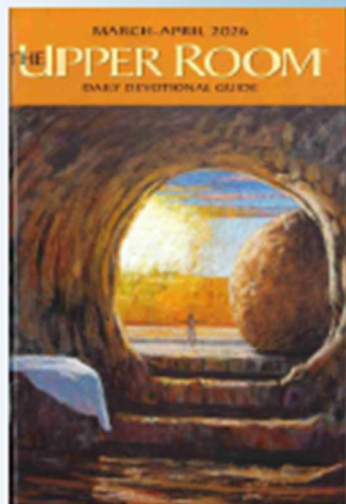
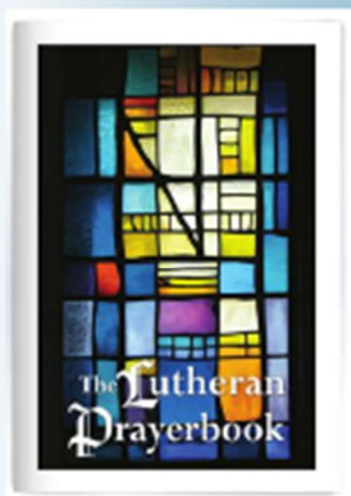
Please remember to call the church office when:

1. You will be or have already moved.
2. Have an addition to your family.
3. You have an address update and/or correction, or birthday correction.
4. New email address and/or phone number.



PUBLICATIONS

(Get your copy in the Narthex)



Publications

Grab a copy of the "Living Lutheran" Magazine from the spinning rack in the Narthex!!!

Living
Lutheran

STORIES OF GOD'S PEOPLE
LIVING THEIR FAITH

07/14/2023



GET INVOLVED AT ZION'S



Altar Guild

Altar Guild is a group of ladies who alternate serving our Lord by preparing His Holy Table for communion every week.

New volunteers are always welcome!



Bell Choir

The Bell Choir plays during festival seasons and some Sundays throughout the year. Rehearsals are scheduled as needed by Neal Deniston



Book Group

The Book Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 12pm in the church library. Please bring your book & join us.

Next Meeting:

Mon, May 11th @ 12pm



Lutherans of Long Standing

LLS meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 2pm in the church library. Next Meeting:

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 5th @ 2pm



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship meets **every Thursday** at 9am at Cabin Fever South.



Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11am in the church library. Cards are signed the following week in the Narthex.

Next Meeting:

TBA



Worship & Music Team

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Hofer Room at the Church.

Next Meeting:

Tue., May 12th @ 6pm



MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 8:45a Adult Forum 9:00a Sunday School 9:45a Worship 7:30p AA Group	4 7:00p Barbershop	5 2:00p LLS Group	6 12:00p AA Group	7 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS	8	9
10 Mother's Day 8:45a Adult Forum 9:00a Breakfast Club 9:00a Sunday School 9:45a Worship 7:30p AA Group	11 12:00p Book Group 4:15p CIA Group 7:00p Barbershop	12 4:30p Outreach Comm. 6:00p Worship & Music	13 12:00p AA Group 4:30p Pastry Dist. & Meal 4:30p Mutual Ministry	14 9:00a Men's Group 4:30p Finance Mtg. 5:00p TOPS	15	16 10:00 - 2:00 Loads of Love
17 8:45a Adult Forum 9:00a Sunday School 9:45a Worship 7:30p AA Group	18 6:00p Council Mtg. 7:00p Barbershop	19	20 12:00p AA Group	21 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS Newsletter Deadline	22	23
24 9:00a Sunday School 9:45a Worship 7:30p AA Group	25 7:00p Barbershop MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 12:00p AA Group 10:00 - Special Olympia Torch Run	28 9:00a Men's Group 5:00p TOPS	29	30 11:00a Pentecost Party
31 Healing Service						

MAY LESSONS

MAY 3 EASTER 5	ACTS 7:55-60	PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16	1 PETER 2:2-10	JOHN 14:1-14
MAY 10 EASTER 6	ACTS 17:22-31	PSALM 66:8-20	1 PETER 3:13-22	JOHN 14:15-21
MAY 17 EASTER 7	ACTS 1:6-14	PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35	1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11	JOHN 17:1-11
MAY 24 Day of Pentecost	ACTS 2:1-21	PSALM 104:24-34, 35b	1 COR. 12:3b-13	JOHN 20:19-23
MAY 31 The Holy Trinity	GENESIS 1:1-2:4a	PSALM 8	2 COR. 13:11-13	MATTHEW 28:16-20

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Driven by God's spirit, we will grow in faith and make Christ's love known"



ELCA

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday
9am—2pm



WORSHIP SERVICE
Sundays
9:45am



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